Idaho Economy Surges Thanks to Trade with China as Rural Areas See Worst Covid Spike

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A solid red state is defying the anti-globalism of Trump's nationalism and embracing it; and it's paying off (from Bloomberg):

> Aside from growing some of the world's finest potatoes, Idaho increasingly relies on global trade for its America-leading combination of robust personal income, job growth, stock market gains, home-price appreciation, low mortgage delinquency rate and tax revenue.

Why? Because it is in the nature of capitalism to be globalist. That is the only way it can maintain it's ever inner need to expand. To be anti-globalist is to be anti-capitalist. But this also requires giving up the extreme material lifestyles that we have been obsessed with preserving. No, I'm not saying we all have to live in mud huts and eat bugs. What I am saying is that a third-world population explosion, low infant mortality and eighty different types of potato chips, most of which don't amount to much difference in taste, will have to end with capitalism. In other words, a middle class is possible without overdoing it.

What is also true is that rural areas in the country are spiking in Covid cases compared to the metropolis. Why? Well, it turns out because these rural areas tend to be poorer and republican. Therefore, they have less infrastructure, because government is evil; but also because it is simply harder to maintain (from NYT):

> Hospitals across the Upper Midwest and the Mountain West are feeling the surge. Facilities are struggling with capacity, and in some cases residents are finding that the nearest hospital with available beds is hours away, or in another state.

Like Idaho, I hope most of these areas, for their own sake more than mine, will abandon trickle down republicanism and start voting for economic policies that would better their lives. And there is evidence that Idaho and other such states will be turning purple. This is not due to immigration or diversity; this is due to White people in the suburbs or in flyover country leaving the GOP. That is not surprising, as Trump has turned off Whites and done nothing for them, while letting black criminals out of jail.

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